

December 2010



Birthdays

Matt Young 12/4
Cumbey Gaines 12/5
Charles Powell 12/5
Shandreah Womack 12/6
Jeff Bratcher 12/8
Kurt McMahan 12/8
Carl Peas 12/8
Sean Wheeler 12/8
Mike Black 12/9
Ronald Jones 12/12
Melvin Holmes 12/13
Jonathan Proby 12/13
Matt Welcome 12/14
Adam Brown 12/20
Marshall King 12/20
Craig McBride 12/20
Mark McCluskey 12/20
Dale Maynard 12/21
Bob Decker 12/24
Nicole Miller 12/24
Jason Norris 12/24
Lee Douglas 12/25
Joel Patnode 12/25
David Frost 12/27
Josh Jackson 12/29
Adam Petrig 12/29

REMINDER FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH ATTENDEES



TEN PERSONNEL COMPLETE SWIFTWATER III BY: FF BRANDON POWERS

Recently, the Murfreesboro Fire Department sent ten personnel to a Swiftwater Rescue III course. Driver Bobby Brewer, Captain/Shift Inspector Jeff Day, Captain/Shift Training Officer Bob Decker, Captain Gary Hutchinson, Captain Blake Insell, Driver Josh Oliver, Driver Paul Oliver, Firefighter Brandon Powers, Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith, and Firefighter Mitchell Whittenburg all attended the class. The class was labor intensive and required every member to give 100% throughout to make each rescue even possible. Every MFD individual did an excellent job in maintaining this team's integrity.

Daily Coursework:

Day 1: Was a review of high line rigging and how to incorporate ropes into swiftwater rescue: anchoring, redirecting, raising and lowering systems.

Day 2: Class was held at Center Hill Dam. The students implemented a 300 ft line to maneuver a raft to victims stranded in a boat. They also performed high line tethered swims, rescuing one victim at a time.

Day 3 and 4: Class was held at Rock Island State Park. Students set high lines to move a raft up and down stream in rough water currents. They also set up a 600 ft high line to perform individual pickoffs of victims stranded on islands and other various objects using high line pickoff straps with a seat harness.

Day 5: Class was in White County, TN. Students participated in a real event reenactment of a victim caught in a hydraulic below a low head dam.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

Fire Administration will be closed in observation of the following city holidays:

Thursday
December 23, 2010

Friday
December 24, 2010

(in observation of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

Friday
December 31, 2010

(in observation of New Year's Day)

If you need immediate assistance on any of these dates, please contact MFD Headquarters at 615-849-2661.

SWIFTWATER III PICTURES

PROVIDED BY: CAPTAIN/SHIFT TRAINING OFFICER TERRY SMITH



CFA CLASS OF 2010 COMMENT ON ACADEMY

BY: DEPT. COORDINATOR LAURIE ALSUP

The Murfreesboro Fire Department held its first Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) in 2001. Since inception, 105 students have graduated from the CFA including ten students that graduated on October 26, 2010. The CFA offers a small group of area residents the opportunity to view and participate in the activities and services provided by the MFD. The CFA helps students better understand the department's functions, operations, and procedures. Students have the opportunity to interact with department personnel and ask questions about all aspects of the department's role in our community. Students leave the Academy with a real respect for the fire service.

Thanks to all the CFA Instructors, on duty personnel, and Staff who helped with the Academy this year!

Actual CFA Student Comments:

"It is obvious a lot of thought goes into the activities and making them as real as possible for us to experience. Thanks for everything you did to make this such a great experience."

"This is by far one of the best bunch of people I have ever met."

"I liked Nora's (Smith) presentation of safety in the home. It made me more aware of the little things in the home that are not safe. I came home and checked a lot of things in our house."

"Amazed at how well each firefighter worked as a team and communicated. Enjoyed the hands-on use of equipment. All personnel explained the use of equipment and how situations are handled."

"I have never seen a group of more dedicated people than MFD. There is no rating high enough for the dedication and enthusiasm of these firefighters and officers."

"Safety was always a priority. MFD staff were all friendly and accommodating. Bubba Holladay gets a special thumbs up for all his work! Very good program."

"Captain Terry (Smith) ran a very user-friendly scenario. The one-on-one was very helpful. I experienced a little of the obstacles firefighters go through in the live exercises. It was a real eye opener. Very awesome."

"Enjoyed fire engine ride and excellent demonstration of ladder operation. Visits to fire stations were very educational."



MCCULLOUGH NAMED FF OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2010



Driver Eddie McCullough has been named Murfreesboro Fire Department's Firefighter of the Month for November 2010. McCullough has received this award for his upcoming retirement from the department. McCullough resumed his career as a Firefighter with MFD in July 1988 (he was previously with MFD from October 1977 to October 1985). In August 1990, McCullough was promoted to Driver. Congratulations Eddie, for this award and thank you

for all your hard work and dedication to this department over the years. You will truly be missed!!!

RUTHERFORD COUNTY FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL DEDICATION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011
11:00 A.M.

PUBLIC SQUARE
MURFREESBORO, TN



The Memorial will recognize the Line of Duty Deaths of Winfred Vaughn & AC Cartwright of the MFD (3/1/39) and Jason Jackson Hampton of the Almadale VFD (9/5/02).



December Anniversaries

30 YEARS

Tommy Underwood

26 YEARS

Jim O'Brien

25 YEARS

Kenneth Richmond

23 YEARS

Vular Anderson
Roger Toombs

19 YEARS

Terrell Ellis
Leon Isaac
Doug Rivait

13 YEARS

Jamie Bigelow
Brian Creager
Jeff Harris

10 YEARS

David Cranford
Scott Duncan
Tim Lampitt
Raleigh Marlin
Paul Oliver
Adam Petrig
Lester Vance

4 YEARS

Troy Tayse

3 YEARS

Britt Gammon
Kevin Leonard
Dustin Liddell
Brandon Powers
Wesley Slager